

House Resolution No. 282

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, fifty years ago on December 27, 1953, Bill Smith took the hand of his beautiful bride, Martha, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony at the Church of Christ in Hamburg, Iowa; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Bill and Martha Smith have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children and their spouses, Terri and Bob Phillips of Maryville, Jerry Smith of Rock Port, Dave and Christine Smith of Plano, Texas, and Steve Smith, who is an angel in heaven; five grandchildren, Chris Phillips and his wife, Robbie, and Denise Phillips of Maryville, David Gabert, and Alexander and Zachary Smith of Plano, Texas; and one great-grandson, Cameron Phillips of Maryville; and

Whereas, Bill Smith is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful endeavors with the United States Air Force, Burke and Sons Lumber Company, and Pleasant View Nursing Home; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Martha Smith offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

Whereas, Bill and Martha Smith have found the road to happiness by putting all of their energy, love, and ambition into their marriage and by knowing that a successful union is built upon such strong qualities as sacrifice, dedication, and honesty; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, residents of Rock Port, commemorated the glorious occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on December 27, 2003, at the Rock Port Baptist Church:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Bill and Martha Smith for their tremendous success in achieving a half century of wedded bliss and in wishing them many happy and rewarding years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 282, adopted February 2, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker